

## EXTENSIONS OF REMARKS

### CONGRATULATING KYLIE MEIER OF THE CAMDENTON LAKERS

#### HON. BLAINE LUETKEMEYER

OF MISSOURI

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Friday, August 11, 2017*

Mr. LUETKEMEYER. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to ask my colleagues to join me in congratulating Kylie Meier of the Camdenton Lakers for her first place win in the 300 meter hurdles at the 2017 Missouri Class 4 Girls Track and Field State Championship.

Kylie and her coach should be commended for all of their hard work throughout this past year and for bringing home the state championship to their school and community.

I ask you to join me in recognizing Kylie Meier on a job well done.

### IN RECOGNITION OF PASTOR JERRY HATTER ON THE DATE OF HIS 26TH PASTORAL ANNI- VERSARY

#### HON. DEBBIE DINGELL

OF MICHIGAN

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Friday, August 11, 2017*

Mrs. DINGELL. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize Pastor Jerry Hatter on the date of his 26th Pastoral Anniversary Celebration. Pastor Hatter has provided spiritual guidance and leadership during his tenure as Pastor of the Brown Chapel African Methodist Episcopal Church in Ypsilanti, Michigan.

Born in Haynesville, Louisiana, Pastor Hatter moved to the Detroit area to further his education, earning an MBA from the University of Detroit in 1976. He quickly established himself as a pillar of the southeast Michigan community through his work with Ford Motor Company and in religious life. Pastor Hatter began his work with the ministry in 1986, when he began serving as a minister Deacon and later as an Associate Minister with Oak Grove AME Church in Detroit. He then graduated from Ashland Theological Seminary and began serving as a pastor for Brown Chapel AME in 1991, where he has remained for 26 years. Pastor Hatter is well-known in the community for his work and activism, providing religious guidance for the Brown Chapel congregation and leadership in caring for his community by working with organizations offering financial help, healthcare and job training. These include Good Samaritan Outreach, which provides food assistance to those in need.

Pastor Hatter's decades of service to the Ypsilanti community has helped it grow and prosper. Throughout his time with Brown Chapel, Pastor Hatter has earned a reputation as a steadfast spiritual leader and effective advocate who is dedicated to the well-being of those less fortunate. His work with the Hope Clinic, Southeastern Michigan AME Minister's Alliance and SOS Community Services has

been critical for supporting social, economic and educational well-being and promoting human dignity for all. Pastor Hatter's commitment to Ypsilanti and its residents has impacted countless lives, and it is my hope that he continues to provide leadership for Brown Chapel and the city in the coming years.

Mr. Speaker, I ask my colleagues to join me in recognizing Pastor Jerry Hatter on his 26th Pastoral Anniversary Celebration. Pastor Hatter is a force for good for southeast Michigan through his spiritual guidance and outreach.

### CONGRATULATING LUCAS KUHN OF THE CHAMOIS PIRATES

#### HON. BLAINE LUETKEMEYER

OF MISSOURI

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Friday, August 11, 2017*

Mr. LUETKEMEYER. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to ask my colleagues to join me in congratulating Lucas Kuhn of the Chamois Pirates for his first place win in the 300 meter hurdles at the 2017 Missouri Class 1 Boys Track and Field State Championship.

Lucas and his coach should be commended for all of their hard work throughout this past year and for bringing home the state championship to their school and community.

I ask you to join me in recognizing Lucas Kuhn for a job well done.

### IN RECOGNITION OF THE 70TH AN- NIVERSARY OF INDIA'S INDE- PENDENCE

#### HON. RAJA KRISHNAMOORTHY

OF ILLINOIS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Friday, August 11, 2017*

Mr. KRISHNAMOORTHY. Mr. Speaker, today I rise to honor the 70th Anniversary of Indian Independence from the British Empire.

Seventy years ago, millions of Indians banded together for independence and rallied to attain freedom from Britain. Among them were more than 1,600 languages and dialects, eight major religions, and in excess of 350 million people. Despite these differences, they were united by a singular desire for democratic home rule. Ordinary men and women fought peacefully to realize this dream, and their victory stands as a testament to the enduring power of freedom.

Today, India stands as a beacon for what can be achieved. As the world's largest democracy and home to more than 1.3 billion people, India boasts the world's largest middle class and one of the world's highest economic growth rates. Meanwhile, India's reach extends far beyond her borders. Today, there are five Indian-American members of Congress including myself, and India has become one of the United States' largest trading partners. I see India's influence every day in the

U.S. Capitol and in my very own congressional district in Illinois. My district is nearly 10 percent Indian-American, one of the highest percentages in the country, and my constituents take pride in seeing how much their homeland has grown in prominence. We all share in the joy of seeing how far India has come, and I have no doubt that this progress will continue.

Looking ahead, India will continue to grow and become stronger for the same reason that the United States has endured: its belief in democracy, justice, free and fair elections, freedom of conscience and press, and the diversity of cultures and religions that withstood the tests of the Mughal Empire, British Rule, Partition, and globalization.

Seventy years ago, India's people dreamed of a free and democratic country. Today, that dream is a reality. Tomorrow and far into the future, that reality will endure.

I would like to honor Indian Independence Day on August 15, 2017.

### IN RECOGNITION OF MS. MARGE PRESTON FOR HER DISTIN- GUISHED CAREER IN HIGHER EDUCATION

#### HON. DEBBIE DINGELL

OF MICHIGAN

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Friday, August 11, 2017*

Mrs. DINGELL. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize Ms. Marge Preston for her outstanding career in higher education. Ms. Preston has served the State of Michigan and its young people well through her work with Central Michigan University and Eastern Michigan University.

Ms. Preston began her career with Central Michigan University, where she spent 27 years serving in a variety of positions, including Administrative Assistant to the Vice President for Student Affairs and Coordinator of the University's Career Resource Center. In 2003, she joined Eastern Michigan University and has served the EMU community with distinction during her tenure. She began as the university's Executive Secretary to the Vice President for University Relations, and ultimately held several positions, including Executive Assistant to the Vice President of Government and Community Relations. In this capacity, Ms. Preston managed all aspects of the GCR office, including assisting the University's legal counsel with inquiries, serving as a liaison for state and federal officials and coordinating special events and projects on behalf of the EMU Vice President.

Ms. Preston has been a tireless advocate on behalf of EMU and the Ypsilanti community at large through her service to the university. As a result of her efforts, EMU has been an effective policy advocate whose work with the state and federal government has benefitted both students and educators. Ms. Preston also received recognition throughout her career, including receiving the Central Michigan University Staff Excellence Award. She was also a

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co-chair for EMU's United Way Campus Wide Drive, helping raise over \$100,000, and served on the EMU Planning Committee for Michigan Women's American Council on Education's annual meeting. She has had a tremendous impact on the direction of higher education in Michigan, and her hard work and expertise will be missed.

Mr. Speaker, I ask my colleagues to join me in recognizing Ms. Marge Preston for her distinguished career in higher education. Ms. Preston has effectively served the State of Michigan and its students through her work with the state's public universities.

CONGRATULATING LUKE ALLEN  
OF THE CALVARY LUTHERAN  
LIONS

**HON. BLAINE LUETKEMEYER**

OF MISSOURI

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Friday, August 11, 2017*

Mr. LUETKEMEYER. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to ask my colleagues to join me in congratulating Luke Allen from the Calvary Lutheran Lions for his first place win in the long jump and triple jump at the 2017 Missouri Class 1 Boys Track and Field State Championship.

Luke and his coach should be commended for all of their hard work throughout this past year and for bringing home the state championship to their school and community.

I ask you to join me in recognizing Luke Allen for a job well done.

HONORING WESTERN SPRINGS  
VILLAGE MANAGER PAT HIGGINS  
ON HIS RETIREMENT

**HON. DANIEL LIPINSKI**

OF ILLINOIS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Friday, August 11, 2017*

Mr. LIPINSKI. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor Village Manager Patrick Higgins who is retiring after 40 years of service to the Western Springs community.

Pat Higgins began his career in Western Springs as an intern during his time at Northern Illinois University, where he received both a Master of Arts and Doctorate in Public Administration. Over the years he worked his way through various administrative positions and was named village manager in 2000. His 17 years in this top position make him the longest-serving manager in village history.

Pat Higgins has also been active as an educator and has served on numerous public service committees in Chicagoland. Since 2011, he has taught as an Adjunct Professor of Public Administration at Northwestern University. He has served as president of the Chicago Chapter of the American Society for Public Administration and is the current chair of the Cook/DuPage Smart Transportation Corridors Committee and the West Central Municipal Conference's Transportation Committee. Higgins was the recipient of the 2008 and 2015 Northern Illinois University Outstanding Alumnus Award in Public Administration.

Over the years I have had the opportunity to work with Pat both in my role as a Represent-

ative and also as a resident of Western Springs. I have always admired his long dedication to the village and the region, as well as his passion for teaching. He is very thoughtful and knowledgeable person who has given a great deal as a public servant. His leadership has been a major asset to the community. I am pleased to congratulate Pat, and his wife Karron, on his retirement.

Mr. Speaker, I ask my colleagues to join me in recognizing Western Springs Village Manager Patrick Higgins for his public service. He is well deserving of praise for the energy he has dedicated to improving the community. I wish him the best in his future endeavors.

TRIBUTE TO ERNEST R. GRECCO

**HON. STENY H. HOYER**

OF MARYLAND

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Friday, August 11, 2017*

Mr. HOYER. Mr. Speaker, I rise to congratulate Ernest "Ernie" R. Grecco on being honored for his fifty-five years of service to the labor movement next Tuesday evening, August 15, in Baltimore. I have known and worked closely with Ernie, who serves as President of the Baltimore Metro AFL-CIO, for thirty years. He is one of the toughest advocates for working men and women I've ever met, who has dedicated his life and his career to achieving better pay and conditions for workers and opportunity for their families in Maryland.

Ernie has worked on behalf of labor in Maryland since 1970, when he was elected Secretary-Treasurer of what was then the Distillery Workers Local 34-D. In 1976, he became Committee on Political Education (COPE) Director for the Metropolitan Baltimore Council AFL-CIO. He went on to lead the Maryland State and District of Columbia AFL-CIO COPE from 1983-1987 before taking the helm in Baltimore. Since that time, whenever working people in the greater Baltimore area have had a challenge to overcome, Ernie's been there, leading the way and bringing to bear the forces of organized labor and its allies. Under his leadership, the Baltimore Metro AFL-CIO has expanded programs for job training, placement, and community service.

Ernie also became involved in making his community a better place by serving as the Secretary of the United Way of Maryland from 1992 until this year. He also received the Samuel Gompers Award from the American Red Cross and the Joseph Beirne Award from the United Way of America. In 1995, the International Association of Firefighters Local 734 and Local 964 established the Grecco Labor Award in Ernie's honor.

I'm proud to stand with Ernie and the hard-working men and women of labor to advocate for better wages, better conditions, and greater opportunities for all our people to make it in America. I hope my colleagues will join me in congratulating Ernie on this well deserved honor and thanking him for his service and contributions to Maryland and our country.

CONGRATULATING MIKAYLA REED  
OF THE WASHINGTON BLUE JAYS

**HON. BLAINE LUETKEMEYER**

OF MISSOURI

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Friday, August 11, 2017*

Mr. LUETKEMEYER. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to ask my colleagues to join me in congratulating Mikayla Reed of the Washington Blue Jays for her first place win in the 1600 and 3200 meter run at the 2017 Missouri Class 4 Girls Track and Field State Championship.

Mikayla and her coach should be commended for all of their hard work throughout this past year and for bringing home the state championship to their school and community.

I ask you to join me in recognizing Mikayla Reed on a job well done.

HONORING THE LIFE AND LEGACY  
OF ELIZABETH CADY STANTON

**HON. ELISE M. STEFANIK**

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Friday, August 11, 2017*

Ms. STEFANIK. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor and recognize one of the most influential members of the women's suffrage movement.

Elizabeth Cady Stanton was born in Johnstown, New York in 1815. From a young age, Stanton showed interest in pressing social issues affecting American society, which would eventually drive her to become a force for change. At her father's law office, she witnessed the inequitable laws restricting women's freedom and abilities to inherit property. As a young mother, Stanton advocated for equal education and freedom of expression for all of her children, no matter their gender. Stanton was also heavily involved with the abolitionist movement; however, frustration over the exclusion of women from many of the local meetings and proceedings led her to focus her efforts on a different mission.

Along with fellow reformer Susan B. Anthony, Stanton launched a crusade to ensure that women's rights were brought to the forefront of national debate. While Anthony served as the movement's public face, Stanton remained behind the scenes, guiding the movement's direction and agenda.

Perhaps Stanton's most defining moment was the delivery of her Declaration of Sentiments at the Seneca Falls Convention in 1848, the first women's rights conference ever held in the United States. At the convention, Stanton recited a familiar testimony with a subtle yet resonant sentiment, "We hold these truths to be self-evident: that all men and women are created equal".

In the years following the Civil War, Stanton continued her work for women's suffrage, serving as the president of the National Women's Suffrage Association from 1865 to 1893. In 1866, she ran for a Congressional seat in New York and received the first votes ever cast for a female candidate.

Elizabeth Cady Stanton passed away in 1902, seventeen years prior to the enactment of the 19th amendment. Her dedication to removing the barriers of gender inequality exists